The compilation of useful statistics is being done by the Sericulture Department all along. It is now proposed to consolidate and give a scientific interpretation to the data thus collected by starting a Statistical Section attached to the Office of the Director of Sericulture. The Central Silk Board have sanctioned a lumpsum grant of Rs. 6,700.

The Central Silk Board imported mulberry saplings of the variety called 'Kæryo Nezumi Gæsh' in 1949-50 and 1950-51 from Japan. The percentage of saplings received in good condition on both occasions was about 10 per cent of the imported saplings. This variety does not lend itself to propagation by cuttings. Experiments conducted in Chennapatna and Mysore have indicated that layering or inarching is a successful method for propagation of this foreign variety in India. The time required for inarching is more than 18 months and propagation cannot be done quickly enough for the increasing demand for grafts. The Central Silk Board has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3,000 for import of this new variety.

Government sanctioned the starting of Sericultural and Botanical Sections of the proposed Mysore Sericultural Research Institute at a cost of Rs. 4 lakhs, subject to the receipt of half the grant from the Central Silk Board, Government of India. Although the Board was at first unable to set apart the funds for this purpose, Government started the Sericultural Section as a beginning. The Central Silk Board have now allotted Rs. 46,000 for starting Sericultural and Botanical Sections of the Institute.

The Central Silk Board has allotted a grant for the deputation of four officers for study in advanced countries of which Mysore gets its quota of one Officer, subject to moiety of the expenditure being met by the Government of Mysore.

The Home Minister of the Government of Mysore attended the Standing Committee Meeting of the Central Silk Board. The Director of Sericulture attended the Technical Development Committee Meeting.

(P.N. No. 164—13-12-1952).

B. N. SRI SATHYAN,
6856 *Principal Information Officer.*

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

BANGALORE FOREST DIVISION.

Sale Notification dated 8th December 1952.

Re : Sale of 275 Hunse trees standing on the disafforested area of Kadugudi Plantation.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove the above quantity of 275 Hunse trees yielding firewood including the present fruit crop will be sold by public auction, by the District Forest Officer, Bangalore, or by any other officer deputed by him on 9th January 1953, at 2 P.M. in the District Forest Office, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore 3. The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer, or the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, as the case may be.

The sale will be held on lot basis and the bidder shall offer his bid for the entire quantity of the trees available in the Plantation under reserve and marked.

Each bidder shall before he is permitted to bid produce a solvency certificate, in the prescribed form with an earnest deposit of Rs. 200 with the sale conducting officer before the sale is commenced.

Immediately after the sale is closed the highest bidder should pay the full sale amount with usual cesses at Re. 0-2-9 in the rupee and Sales-tax at 0-0-3 pies per rupee.

For further conditions and other particulars, please apply to the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore 3.

J. P. MASCARENHAS,
6724 *District Forest Officer.*

MYSORE FOREST DIVISION.

Notification dated 22nd November 1952.

It is notified for the information of the general public that one baby elephant of the following description will be sold at the Palace Gajasala, Mysore, on Monday the 29th December 1952 at 3 P.M. under the following conditions:—

Description of the baby elephant.

1	Sex	...	...	Male.
2	Date of birth	...	...	3rd June 1951.
3	Height	...	...	4'—3" (at shoulder)
4	Nails	...	...	18.
5	Tail	...	...	Good
6	General feature	...	...	Good

Conditions of the Sale.

1 The sale will be conducted by the District Forest Officer, Mysore Division, Mysore, or by any other Forest Officer deputed by him for the purpose.

2 The sale conducting officer reserves to himself the right of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning the reasons therefor.

3 Intending bidders should deposit a sum of Rs. 500 (five hundred) with the sale conducting officer before they are permitted to bid. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the close of the sale.

4 The full sale amount together with the sales-tax thereon should be paid immediately after the conclusion of the sale. As otherwise, the earnest money deposited will be forfeited and the animal resold at the risk of the original purchaser who has however no claim over the excess amount of sale and difference, if any, will be recovered from him as arrears of Land Revenue.

5 The sale confirming officer is the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore whose orders are final.

6 The highest bidder will ordinarily be the purchaser.

7 The purchaser should make his own arrangements to remove the animal from the Gajasala within three days from the date of receipt of confirmation orders, as otherwise the department will not be responsible for feed and keep of the animal sold after that date.

8 No risk attaches to the department on account of any damage, etc., to the animal when once the bid is accepted and purchase money is paid.

9 For other particulars, please apply to the District Forest Officer, Mysore, in person or by post by enclosing necessary postal stamps for reply on any working day during office hours.

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Abstract Notification dated 5th December 1952.

It is hereby notified for the information of the public that the undermentioned standing Casuarina trees in Mandya Taluk, Mandya District, will be sold in public auction on the dates as noted below by the District Forest Officer, Mysore Division, Mysore, or by any other officer deputed by him :—

Range	Date of sale	Time and place of sale	Name of Plantation and Blocks	Girth Class 8"—11" Nos.	Girth Class 12"—23" Nos.	Girth Class 24" and above Nos.	Total Nos.
Mandya Range ...	9th January 1953 at 3 P.M.	Range Forest Office, Mandya.	1. Induval Plantation—Block V	60	115	3	178
			2. Induval Plantation Block XII 1 2 ...	16 / 149	218 / 411	16 / 32	250 / 592
			3. Block X	236	301	13	550
			Total ...	461	1,045	64	1,570
			4. Nallahalli Plantation—Block I	30	310	24	364
			Block II	29	326	34	389
			Block III	...	254	6	260
			Total ...	59	890	64	1,013
			Grand Total ...	520	1,935	128	2,583